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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

C/S/D
1. (Twice Amended) A construction beam comprising (a tubular housing¹²) filled with (a solid material¹⁴) having a Poisson's ratio, wherein the tubular housing is constructed such that a Poisson's ratio of the tubular housing is less than the solid material to thereby confine the solid material, the tubular housing forming part of the construction beam,